

**What is claimed is:**

1. A system, comprising:  
at least one first recognition element; and  
5 at least one second recognition element;  
wherein, in combination, at least one first recognition element and at least one  
second recognition element interrelate to form a combined recognition structure.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element and at least  
10 one second recognition element are stackable to form the combined recognition structure.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein a portion of at least one first recognition element  
is supported by a portion of at least one second recognition element to form the combined  
recognition structure.  
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4. The system of claim 1, wherein the combined recognition structure comprises a  
predetermined shape.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the combined recognition structure comprises a  
20 predetermined number of recognition elements.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the combined recognition structure comprises an  
arbitrary shape.
- 25 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the combined recognition structure is self-  
standing.
8. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element and at least  
one second recognition element have different shapes.

9. The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one retention structure, wherein at least one first recognition element and at least one second recognition element are placed relative to each other in the at least one retention structure to form the combined  
5 recognition structure.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein at least one recognition element is a cylinder and wherein at least one retention structure comprises a slot for receiving the cylinder.

10 11. The system of claim 9, wherein at least one recognition element is a cylinder having at least one hole in a part of the cylinder and wherein at least one retention structure comprises a rod to engage at least one hole in the cylinder when the cylinder is placed on the rod.

15 12. The system of claim 9, wherein at least one recognition element is a cube and wherein the retention structure is a slanted back plate for receiving the cube to display the cube at an angle.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the combined recognition structure is expandable.

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14. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element comprises a textual recognition, and wherein the combined recognition structure is configured such that at least one textual recognition is visible when the combined recognition structure is formed.

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15. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element comprises a textual recognition, and wherein the combined recognition structure is configured such that at least one textual recognition is not visible when the combined recognition structure is formed.

16. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element further comprises a symbol, figure, or image.
- 5 17. The system of claim 1, wherein the first recognition elements and the second recognition elements have approximately the same shape.
18. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element or at least one second recognition element has markings to indicate a specific recognition.
- 10 19. The system of claim 1, wherein the combined recognition structure comprises a pyramid.
20. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one first recognition element and at least  
15 one second recognition element are each selected from a set of recognition element shapes configured to interact with one another to form the combined recognition structure.
21. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one recognition element is a cube and the  
20 combined recognition structure is in the form of a pyramid.
22. A method, comprising:  
providing at least one first recognition element;  
providing at least one second recognition element,  
25 arranging at least one first recognition element relative to at least one second recognition element to form a combined recognition structure.
23. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
adding textual recognition to a surface of at least one first recognition element.

24. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
adding textual recognition to a surface of at least one second recognition element.
- 5 25. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
wherein the combined recognition structure comprises a predetermined form.
26. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
wherein arranging at least one first recognition element relative to at least one  
10 second recognition element to form the combined recognition structure comprises  
arranging at least one first recognition element and at least one second recognition  
element relative to each other in a retention structure.
27. The method of claim 22, wherein at least one first recognition element and at least  
15 one second recognition element are provided in response to cumulative accomplishments.
28. The method of claim 22, wherein providing at least one first recognition element  
and providing at least one second recognition element comprises selecting at least one  
first recognition element and at least one second recognition element from a set of  
20 recognition element shapes configured to interact with one another to form the combined  
recognition structure.
29. The method of claim 22, wherein providing at least one first recognition element  
is in response to completion of a project phase and wherein the combined recognition  
25 structure represents multiple completed project phases.
30. The method of claim 22, wherein providing at least one first recognition element  
is in response to an athletic accomplishment and wherein the combined recognition  
structure represents multiple interrelated athletic accomplishments.